

Fireworks Safety Tips – Continued.

The Santa Barbara City Fire Department recommends attending the local professional fireworks public display at West Beach Fire Works and recommends the following:

- Find a location about a quarter mile away from the firing site.
- Keep an eye out for falling debris, potential spot fires and unexploded devices falling from the air.
- Do not allow your children to play with Sparklers. Although Sparklers are considered by many as the ideal "safe" firework for the young, the Sparkler burns at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved and cannot act appropriately in case of emergency.
- Pets have sensitive ears. The explosions from overhead fireworks can be particularly uncomfortable for dogs.
- Leave your dogs at home if you are attending a public event.
- Consider bringing your animals inside if you live near a public fireworks show.

Thousands of people, generally children and teenagers, are injured while playing with fireworks. The risk of burns, eye damage, hearing damage, the loss of fingers and debilitating hand injuries, fires and even death is not uncommon. Why run the risk, consider attending a professional event.

PARENTS SHOULD SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES

Information on Fourth of July Activities in Santa Barbara City

http://www.santabarbara.com/events/fourth_of_july/

For more information click on The National Council on Fireworks Safety link

<http://www.fireworkssafety.org/> for more information.